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Pastor Speaks

Nobody Is Called . . .

To Do Nothing . . .

Mark it down, my friend,God has never called anybody to do nothing. But every Church you go into you find Christians who are doing nothing.

On a dark night, a great disaster happened in a moment of time. The ship "Princess Alice" collided with another ship. More than 600 desperate people . . . mothers, babies, children, fathers and elderly folk, were thrown into the inky blackwaters. That night some 600 people perished after a brief and frightening struggle in their watery grave.

At the moment that the tragedy happened, two ferry boat men were tying up to the dock. They had just finished their last run for the night. One man said, "I'm tired.I'm going home to rest.

An inquest was held and the man who left the scene in the face of such a tragedy was asked, "Did you not hear the collision? Did you not hear the people crying for help?"

"Yes, I heard them."

"What did you do?"

"I did nothing, Sir."

"Are you not ashamed to have done nothing?"

"I will bear the shame of it to my grave."

The other ferry boat man was asked what he did.

"I pulled for the wreck with all due haste. I filled my boat with weeping and sobbing women and children, and when it was full, then I pulled for safety crying out, "Oh, God for a bigger boat."

We speak of our rights to our private lives. But there is no right to private lives when tragedy is happening in the lives of others and there is something we can do about it. How we have reacted to the desperate situation of the heathen millions will be booed or applauded in eternity.

Today thousands turn aside from the rescue operation which is going on for the souls of men. How will we face those in eternity that have perished because we let them die? Their eyes like flint, glinting in the sun, will stare their accusation into our souls. Shame will cover us like a shroud.

Anyone within hailing distance of a tragedy is called to do what he can.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WHAT GOD WANTS

Lesson for June 20, 1971

Background Scripture: Micah 2:3.
Devotional Readings: Micah 3:5-12.

Two great prophets had labored diligently to call the people of Israel from their rebellious ways. Yet, for all their prophetic power, Amos and Hosea were largely unsuccessful in bringing the people of Israel to repentance. To be sure, some people responded to their message,but as a whole the nation was unresponsive, or if there was a response, it was not sufficient to avert national disaster.

Assyria became a major power sweeping down from the north and leveling everything in its path. First Syria, Israel's northern neighbor, fell. Then ten years later, in 722 B.C., Israel also was destroyed, its people carried off into captivity, dispersed and never to return.

Judah, the smaller and southern of the two Jewish nations, was spared for the time being, not through any benevolence on the part of the Assyrians or any military might of its own, but because it lay off the beaten path and major trade routes. It was hardly a piece of real estate for the Assyrians to covet.

The Small-Town Prophet

Still, this tiny nation's position was not very secure. It lay squeezed between two mighty powers, Egypt to the south and Assyria to the north. Furthermore, the conditions that had provided the decay and downfall of Israel were also present in Judah. Corruption self-indulgence, and idolatry were spreading through the little kingdom like a cancer.

Judah needed some prophets who, like Amos and Hosea, would bring that nation God's word and the call them to repentance. Two men did come forth for the Lord, Micah and Isaiah.

Micah is the least-known of the two. The book bearing his name is quite brief compared to the massive volume called Isaiah. Isaiah gained more prominence because, as an aristocrat, his ministry was largely to the prominent and powerful men in the highest circles of Jerusalem. By contrast, Micah came from a small town, Mareshah, that is remembered only because of him. His ministry was directed to a different kind of audience.

An "Evil Time" Coming

Micah proclaimed that there would come an "evil time" for the nation of Judah when no longer would the people "walk haughtily." But the purpose of his message was not to proclaim destruction, but to focus upon national sins so that the people could repent and the destruction would not occur.

What are these dangerous evils?

There is the evil of the idle rich who seek only to accumulate more wealth - and always at the expense of someone else (2:1, 2). There is the evil of the militant war-mongers in the cities who force peaceful farmers into military service (2:8). There is the evil of a society [illegible] the family (2:9) and [illegible] who cannot defend [illegible] (3:2, 3).

Because of these [illegible] relationships between [illegible] God is being [illegible] final result will be [illegible] this nation: "Then [illegible] to the Lord, but he [illegible] swer them" (3:4).

What does God really [illegible] his people? Says Micah, not for you to hire [illegible] (3:11).

(Based on outline [illegible] ed by the Division of [illegible] Education, National [illegible] the Churches of Christ. Released by Church [illegible] Service.)

The Mother Of Robert E. Lee

The following story is not credited by historians. It was published some years ago in a newspaper, as information furnished by a daughter of Senator S. L. Ferguson, in whose personal scrapbook the story was recorded.

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"Robert E. Lee was born fifteen months after his mother had been buried. Mrs. Lee lay dead for seven days, three of them spent in her coffin in the private mausoleum of the Lee family at Stratford on the Potomac, Va. It was only by accident that she was discovered alive, yet she was resuscitated and restored to health and lived 21 years longer in just as good health as she formerly enjoyed.

"While it is a strange story about a member of one of the most famous families in all America, and the fact is not disclosed in history, it is unquestionably authentic. There is a record of it in Tobb and Volum in the Library of Surgeon General, Army Medical Museum, Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Charles H. Stuart, mother of the master of Stratford Hall, knows the story, Ann Lee was the daughter of Charles Carter of Powhatan. Her first husband was a cousin named Carter. When he died she married "Light Horse Harry" Lee, the dashing cavalry leader, of the Revolution. Light Horse Harry Lee's wife was in very poor health for a long time before 1805, says Col. Warfield Lee. She was subject to some sort of fainting spells. Physicians did not understand the cause nor were they able to find a cure. There were four doctors present at her bedside when she died in October, 1805, and all of them agreed of course that she was dead. For four days, she lay in state in the Lee mansion in a coffin with a glass lid over the casket. Then the casket was removed to the Lee Mausoleum which was then a staunch brick structure splendid in its simplicity.

"In the center was a circular stairway from the level of the ground and in three tiers were coffins which held the remains of seven generations of the Lees.

"There was a constant stream of mourners in and out of the mausoleum and all gazed at the face of the dead woman but no one detected signs of life. On the seventh day, the old sexton arrived to sweep up and also to bring belated floral offerings which had just arrived. As he swept, the old man imagined he heard a far off voice calling "help, help". It seemed to cry but so weak was the voice that the sexton felt sure he was imagining. Again, he heard the faint cry, but so clearly that his courage deserted him and he fled. Outside in the sunlight, he laughed at his own fears. "There was nobody who could have called," he realized. So he returned to his sweeping. He took up the flowers and began to strew them on the lid of the coffin in which lay the body of Mrs. Lee, "Help, help, help." Again he heard the faint voice. The sexton looked down and staring at the face of the dead woman saw the lips quiver and her eyelids struggle. Frightened though he was, the old man retained enough sense to remove the lid before he went for help. Mrs. Lee was taken to the manor house and soon restored to health and lived 21 years before she died.

"Fifteen months afterwards, on January 19, 1807, Robert Lee was born. His mother lived 21 years longer, to die a natural death and after young Robert had entered the Military Academy at West Point."

THE HASKIN SERVICE, Washington 5, D. C.

Birthdays

Teresa McIntosh	18
C. S. Ranson	18
Pearl Ranson	18
Flora Dickerson	18
Phillip Inge	19
Bessie Arrington	19
Carrie Simmons	20
Ernest Goin	21
Bee Baldwin	21
Earnest Goin	June 21

Letter To The Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia 24522
Dear Lloyd,

On behalf of the Oakville Ruritans, I want to say "thanks" for the cooperation and assistance you and others in Appomattox County provided us regarding our Auction Sale held this past Saturday at Oakville. As you know, our purpose for holding the sale was to raise money for the CentralVirginia Speech and Hearing Clinic and to send an Appomattox child to Camp Easter Seal. The project was a success financially and the above objectives will be completed soon.

Russell and Ronald Milner, of M. & M. Auction Company, deserve much credit also for they handled the sale for us free of charge. They did a wonderful job of auctioneering.

To one and all who helped, Thank You!

Sincerely,
Jim Nolen, Pres.
Oakville Ruritan Club

4-H Camp

Boys and girls, don't forget your application to attend 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake must be in to the Extension Office by July 1st.

Camp this year begins on Sunday afternoon, August 1st and ends after lunch on Friday, August 6th.

Cost for the week is $20.00. This covers lodging, food, insurance, and one dollar toward the purchase of a handicraft.

There are two life guards and a nurse on duty at camp, and all programs are supervised by qualified instructors.

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For more information, contact the County Extension Office, 352-2364.

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NAMED STATE WINNER

Blacksburg, Va.--The Appomattox County FFA Chapter was recognized as state winner in the 1970-71 Chapter Forestry Contest. A check for $40 from Virginia Forests Inc. and a plaque were presented to the chapter.

During the year chapter members planted more than 30-000 loblolly pines on their home farms. More than fifty percent of the chapter members had forestry as a part of their supervised occupational experience programs. Nearly 9000 hours were devoted to forestry by members of the chapter.

Four educational exhibits were displayed and a forestry demonstration area established. The chapter sponsors five "Keep Virginia Green" crews. The chapter is a member of Virginia Forests Inc.

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here's a new wheat avail- this planting season Arthur. It was developed, Lafayette, in Indiana. assistant to the Hessian better milling quality oskoy and many feel that better wheat than Red-

here two year's yield data new wheat from five locations. The two verages are as follows: ng 56 bu., Charlotte Petersburg 40 bu., 8 bu., Warsaw 69 bu. ed to Redcoat over the two year period, Arthur produced an average of 5 more bushels of wheat. Only at the Orange Station did Redcoat out yield Arthur; while at some locations Arthur produced eleven more bushels.

We think it's worth a try this fall. Jack Caldwell tells me he has already ordered his seed.

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A. W. Elliott was the second largest seller of wool last Wednesday with 1207 pounds.

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The two All-American selections of Roses for 1972 are Appolo and Portrait.

Appolo was developed in California. It's yellow, delicately tinted with crimson. This rose has a sweet fragrance reminding one of the old-fashion tea rose.

Portrait has a light pink color. It's worth noting that this is the first All-American to be developed by an Amateur. Carl Meyer of Cincinnati is a pipefitter by trade. His plants are not protected during the winter except for a mound of soil. The foliage is disease resistant. This may be the rose for you if you don't find time to spray your plants every week.

These will be available this fall.

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The top selling ram in last week's Eastern Ram Sale went for $1900. The buyer was from Albemarle County.

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PRECIPITATION
Last Week 77
This Month 1.02
This Year 23.53

Sorority Enjoys Ice Cream Party

The Delta Zeta Chapter,Beta Sigma Phi, enjoyed home made ice cream at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baxter, Caldwell's Motel, on Saturday Evening. It was also the occasion for a surprise stork shower for two of the members, Mrs. Richard Bartelt, the president and Mrs. Dan Coleman.

Both husbands and wives were on hand for a choice of ice cream flavors made both with electric freezers and the old-fashioned hand-cranked type.

Story of Three Rattlesnakes

Last Friday Dick Watts (above) found this four and one-half foot rattler on Spears Mountain (before the rattler discovered HIM!) Dick counted 18-20 rattles. In his left hand is a smaller rattlesnake, with 11 rattles, found the same day near the William Childress home, Route 2, Gladstone. Just about a week ago another rattlesnake was found on the opposite side of the Childress home. The Childress family says that the appearance of two rattlesnakes is quite a rarity and that visitors are still welcome (and quite safe) at their home.

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